

CHAPTER NO. 838

SENATE BILL NO. 2364

By Williams

Substituted for: House Bill No. 3003

By Roach, Hagood

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-82-307, relative to utility districts in any county having a population of not less than thirty-three thousand ten (33,010) nor greater than thirty-three thousand five hundred (33,500), according to the 1990 federal census or any subsequent federal census.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-82-307(b)(1), is amended by deleting the words and punctuation "or any subsequent federal census." and by substituting instead the following:

or any subsequent federal census, or any county having a population of not less than thirty-three thousand ten (33,010) nor more than thirty-three thousand five hundred (33,500) according to the 1990 federal census or any subsequent federal census.

SECTION 2. (a) The Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (TACIR) is directed to perform a study of the size, composition and selection of boards of commissioners of utility districts. TACIR shall also study the current provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-82-307 and consider whether a new mechanism should be created which would permit changes concerning such boards to be handled locally rather than employing the present legislative method that requires amending the general bill by introducing general bills of local application directly affecting only one utility district. As part of its study, TACIR should consider whether alternative legislative methods should be developed and placed in the general law as options for local action, as well as incorporating a petition method to allow the subscribers to trigger an election for a change to the board. This study shall be conducted from TACIR's existing resources.

(b) All appropriate state departments and agencies shall provide assistance to TACIR. Groups representing utility districts shall be asked to provide information, analyses, and recommendations to TACIR.

(c) TACIR shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation or interim reports, to the One Hundred Third General Assembly no later than February 28, 2003.

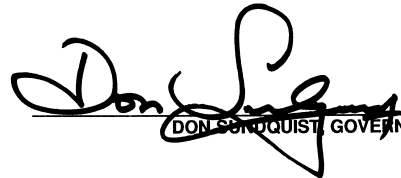
SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: June 28, 2002


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 3rd day of July 2002


DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR